

RECOLLECTIONS OF THE SAMUEL ADAMS FAMILY

"Samuel Adams born on Tar River in N.C. 1802, married Eliza Oliver 1829, his mother was Nancy McKiel born in Ireland. Three children, Samuel, Harmon, and Maria.

"Samuel Adams born in Ireland, I do not know the date, came to America with his father, Samuel Adams, prior to 1776, fought in the Revolutionary War.

"Eliza Oliver Adams' father's name McDaniel Oliver born in Scotland. Her mother's name Priscilla Harrison, first cousin of William Henry Harrison. Born in Twiggs County, Georgia, Eliza Oliver had five brothers. Their names were: James, William, Wiley, Joseph and John. Sisters Susan, Sara, Annie, Charlotte; McDaniel Oliver's first wife died and he married again. Three children of this union: Augustus, McDaniel, and Nancy."

"Children of Samuel and Eliza Adams:

William F.	---	Dec. 1829
Francis	---	Sept. 3, 1831
Nancy T.	---	Feb. 10, 1834
Oliver	---	Nov. 8, 1835
Samuel	---	Apr. 14, 1837
Bryan	---	Oct. 14, 1838
Job	---	Apr. 8, 1840
Annie E.	---	June 14, 1842
John E.	---	May 14, 1844
Willis A.	---	Mar. 22, 1847
Daniel P.	---	Nov. 24, 1848
Jack	---	Aug. 3, 1850
Lizzie	---	Jan. 4, 1852
George	---	Nov. 30, 1854

"William F. Adams-Susan Clements married 1852, their children:

Estelle B.	---	Jan. 1854
Georgia B.	---	1856
Samuel B.	---	1858
Frankie B.	---	Feb. 1863

"Your Grandfather William F. Adams died April 11, 1863. Your great Grandfather, William Clements born in Georgia. We know nothing of the family only there were nine children. Their names were: Jim, John, Talbot, Frank, Robert, Jane, Martha, Emma, and your grandmother Susan."

"Our grandmother, Eliza Oliver Adams's mother, was one Priscilla Harrison, and she married McDaniel Oliver."

"Elizabeth Oliver was born in Twiggs County Georgia, September 10, 1812, and died in 1899."

"Samuel Adams was born October 30th, 1802 -- and died in 1872."

"The Adamases are Scotch-Irish. The Olivers came from Scotland."

"The Adamases went to Twiggs County Georgia, in 1827, and later went to Arkansas where they arrived Dec. 20, 1858."

"William Adams and Susan Clements were married Dec. 4, 1852."

"Susan Clements was born in Steward County Georgia, about 1836."

"Willis Adams served in the Confederate Army about one year."

"Uncle Bryan died at Tremont, La., July 4, 1908."

"Sam Adams was a captain of Infantry."

"William Adams was born December 20, 1829, and was married Dec. 4, 1852."

"The Adamases came to Arkansas about Dec. 20, 1858, from Steward County near Lumpkin."

Note: The foregoing excerpts were copied from letters written between 1920 and 1923 by Mrs. Mary Louise (Baker) Cribbs (1863-1939), Chatham, Louisiana. These fragments of family information and tradition are as recalled by Mrs. Cribbs' mother, Mrs. Thomas E. Baker (1834-1924), born Nancy T. Adams, daughter of Samuel and Eliza (Oliver) Adams, and granddaughter of Samuel and Nancy (McKeel) Adams and McDonald and Priscilla (Harrison) Oliver. Prior to her death in 1924, "Aunt Tommie" Baker lived for a number of years with her daughter, "Cousin Chip" Cribbs, near Chatham, in north Louisiana.

Malcolm E. Gardner
Tupelo, Mississippi

SAMUEL AND NANCY (McKEEL) ADAMS OF BEAUFORT COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

In Beaufort County in 1790 Samuel Adams is head of family, over 16, and also in his household are one free white female and two "other free persons", no slaves (Heads of Families . . . 1790, North Carolina, p. 127). In 1800 his enumeration is two white males under 10, one 16-26, one 26-45, a white female 16-26, and one slave (1800 Census, Beaufort Co., N.C., alphabetized by initial letter of surname, p. "A").

By deed of 7 June 1794 for 195 "State Currency" Samuel Adams bought from Richard Cogdell and Nancy his wife, all of Beaufort, two tracts of land, 150 acres on "North side of Pamlico River Doctr Maule's line . . . head of the branches of Bridge Creek and on both sides of the Swamp" and 25 acres "South side of Jacksons Swamp . . . line trees of Ormond's former Patent . . . reserving Twenty five Acres out of the first conveyance to Bryant Ormond son of Roger Ormond Decd" (Beaufort Co., N.C., Deed Book 7, pp. 209-10).

In compliance with order from the Beaufort County Court, March term 1805, five commissioners "divide the Lands of James McKeel decd among the heirs, to wit, Sarah McKeel, widow of said Decd, James McKeel, Elizabeth McKeel, Nancy, Benjamin, Harmond, Carney, Lavenia, Richard [the latter six presumably all born McKeel] & James Adams . . . the widow having previously released all her Right of said lands to the heirs jointly - James McKeel drew Lot No 1 . . . Seventy two Acres, Beginning at the fork of Christmas Swamp & Goose Creek . . . and to remain in his hands \$40.5. - Samuel Adams drew No. 7 containing 69 Acres, Beginning at Cutlers Corner at Goose Creek . . . and to pay \$65.15 to James McKeel adm^r of said deceased. Elizabeth [McKeel] drew No. 5 . . ." 57 acres and "to receive from James McKeel \$125.45"; Benjamin No. 4, 65 acres minus \$291.55; Harmon No. 3, 59½ acres plus \$42.45; Carney No. 9, 59 acres plus \$122.95; "Miles Chauncey drew No 8", 59½ acres plus \$91.95; Richard No. 2, 64 acres minus \$77.05; James Adams No. 6, 54½ acres plus \$101.95. This division is dated 16 May 1805 and signed by Wm. Vines, Tho. Alderson, Nathan W. Bonner, Tho. Smaw, and Tho. Barrow (Ibid., Deed Book 8, pp. 282-83).

"This Indenture made this day of December A.D. [1806] . . . between Elizabeth McKeel, Nancy McKeel and Samuel Adams her husband, Miles Chauncey & Lavenia his wife James McKeel, Benjamin McKeel, Carney McKeel, James McKeel Adams by his Guardian Samuel Adams together with Sarah McKeel all of the County of Beaufort . . . of the one part and William Sexton of the other part" for \$196 - 5 consideration acres "on Goose Creek formerly belonging to John McKeel Decd . . . to the first station as by the Patent dated 14th Feby 1739 and enrolled in the Auditors Office 23^d Feby 1739, and also all the claims, Estate, right, title, interest whatsoever . . . whether Estates for life, by the Curtesey or remainder . . ."; signed by Elizabeth (X) McKeel, Sarah (X) McKeel, James McKeel, Benjamin McKeel, Carney McKeel, Samuel Adams, Nancy (X) Adams, Miles Chauncey, Samuel Adams for his son James; witnessed by Charles Smallwood, Tho. Ellison, Moses Windley; and proved in March Court 1808 (Ibid., Deed Book 8, pp. 297-98).

Samuel Adams' will is dated 15 Oct. 1807, witnessed by W. Ormond and Tho. Windley. ". . . unto my loving wife Nancy Adams my Young horse Harlequin Bridle and Saddle one Bed and Furniture and one Riding chair . . . all my Cattle and Hogs until my youngest Child arrives to the age of twenty one years to Raise and support the family on . . . the use of my plantation

whereon I now live on her lifetime . . . to my son James adams my Negro Girl Louis and all the land that was divided to him at Goose Creek . . . my Negro woman hatt I lend to my wife nancy Adams until my youngest child arrives to the age of twenty one then She and her increase to be Equally divided between my wife nancy adams and my two sons Harmond and Samuel adams then the Remainder of my Land I give and bequeath to my two sons Harmon and Samuel adams. . . The moneys due from Andrew Fullerton and Elish [Elizabeth, Elisha ?] McKiel I leave to Support and raise my wife and children on The perishable part of my property I leave to be Equally divided between all my children and the division to take place after my youngest son arrives of age . . . my wife Nancy Adams Executrix and my friend William Bailly my Executor to this my last will and testament . . ." (Ibid., Will Book A; photostat in possession of compiler).

Samuel Adams is dead before 8 Jan. 1808: "An Inventory of the Estate of Samuel Adams deced January 8th day 1808" includes "200 Acres of Land 3 Negroes" and the usual household furnishings and farm animals and equipment. Some property of the estate was sold 16 Jan 1808, coming to \$16 - 7; among the buyers were Carney McKeel, John Adams, and Abraham Adams. Nancy Adams is serving as executrix (Ibid., Orphan Book A, 1807-1828, pp. 1-3).

By deed of 31 Dec. 1810, for \$250, Nancy (X) Adams conveyed to John Cutler, Jr., both of Beaufort County, 75 acres on "North side Pamlico River & West side of the Westernmost prong of Goose Creek . . . John McKeels corner . . . the Old Grave Yard . . . with sd John McKeels line to his and my own Corner . . . to a hickory near the Iron Mine . . . With my own line to Goose Creek Swamp . . ." One of the witnesses was Jas. McKeel (X) Adams (Ibid., Deed Book 9, pp. 20-21). As this James Adams appears as an heir to both James and John McKeel, in his own right rather than through Nancy (McKeel) Adams, we assume him to be a child of an earlier marriage by Samuel Adams, probably to a McKeel.

In 1810 Nancy Adams, in the 26-45 age category, is named as head of family; in her household are also two boys 10-16, a boy and a girl under 10, and four slaves (1810 Census, Beaufort Co., N.C., p. 91). Her name does not appear in the 1820 Census in Beaufort; she could have then been living with a relative who would be named as head of family. We do not presently know when she died, or if she went to Georgia with her sons Harmon and Samuel.

By 1824 Harmon and Samuel Adams were in Twiggs County, Georgia, but we are uncertain when they moved to that State. On 19 Nov. 1824 Harmon Adams gave Samuel Adams, both of "Georgia Twiggs County", a power of attorney to sell land ". . . in the County of Beaufort . . . adjoining the lands of William Bynes . . . Thomas Windley . . . & Wherry Ormond . . . on both sides of the Said Ormonds Mill pond on Town Creek. . ." By deed of 3 Jan. 1825 "Samuel Adams for himself & by virtue of a power of attorney from Harmon Adams of the one part of the State of Georgia, but formerly of the State of North Carolina & County of Beaufort" sold to Joseph Bonner of Beaufort for \$113.17 a tract of 64 $\frac{2}{3}$ acres "on the South Side Wyriott Ormonds Mill-pond" and for \$6.00 two acres "in the third corner of a patent for twenty-five acres granted to Wyriot Ormond". Witnesses were Miles Chauncey and Henry Ormond. Samuel did not remain in Beaufort to complete the disposal of the brothers' inheritance. On 15 Jan. 1825 ". . . I Samuel Adams of Twiggs County in the State of Georgia have constituted . . . my trusty friend Miles Chauncey [of Beaufort County] . . . to make sale of . . . lands which I have in the State of North Carolina . . ." (Beaufort Co., N.C., Deed Book 13, pp. 357-58, 340-41).

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SAMUEL ADAMS' WILL, 1807,
BEAUFORT COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

In the Name of God amen

I Samuel adams of the County of Beaufort being of Sound mind and memory do make and treat /?? this my last will in writing as follows -

I give and bequeath unto my loving wife Nancy Adams my Young horse Harlequin Bridle and Saddle one Bed and Furniture and one Riding chair I also lend her all my Cattle and Hoggs until my youngest Child arrives to the age of twenty one years to Raise and Support the family on -
I also lend her the use of my plantation whereon I now live her lifetime

I give and bequeath to my son James adams my Negro Girl Louis and all the land that was devised to him at Goose Creek to him his heirs and assigns forever -

my Negro woman hatt I lend to my wife nancy Adams until my youngest child arrives to the age of twenty one then She and her increase to be Equally divided between my wife nancy adams and my two sons Harmond and Samuel adams then the Remainder of my Land I give and bequeath to my two sons Harmon and Samuel adams to them their heirs and assigns for ever

my old horse and my working tools I leave to be Sold in order to discharge my debts and the ballance to be Equally divided between my wife and all my children

The moneys due from Andrew Fullerton and Elizh /?? McKiel I leave to Support and raise my wife and children on The perishable part of my property I leave to be Equally divided between all my children and the division to take place after my youngest son arrives of age

I constitute nominate and appoint my wife Nancy Adams Executrix and my friend William Bailly my Executor to this my last will and testament -
In witness whereof I have hereunto Set my hand and Seal this 15 day October 1807 -

Samuel Adams

Test. W. Ormond

(Seal)

Tho Windley /??

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Note: This is a verbatim copy of Samuel Adams' will, drawn October 15, 1807, and recorded in Beaufort County, N. C., Will Book A, photostat copy in possession of this compiler. Date of probate or recordation is not provided. Presumably, this Samuel Adams died between 1807 and 1810, for in the latter year Nancy Adams (born McKeel, according to family tradition) is named head of family (Beaufort County, Census of 1810, page 91). She is then in the 26-45 age category, and in her household are also two boys 10-16, a boy and a girl under 10, and four slaves. Nancy Adams' name does not appear in the 1820 Census for Beaufort County.

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BIBLE RECORD OF SAMUEL ADAMS
OF GEORGIA AND ARKANSAS

MARRIAGES

Samuel Adams and
Eliza Oliver were
married Jan. 22nd 1829

Jack D Adams and
Mary Richardson were
married October 1889
In Fannin Co Texas

Samuel J Adams
to Alabama Hearne
in Robertson county
Texas, October 16th
1867

D. P. Adams
To
Sallie Nobles in Kemp
Tex Jan 6th 1884- or 5.

Thos E. Baker
To
Nancy T. Adams
in Stewart county
Georgia on March
3rd 1857.

Daniel P. Adams
To
Net Graham
in Fannin Co Texas
March 10 1878

BIRTHS

Samuel Adams
was born Oct 30th 1802

Eliza Oliver was born
Sept 10th 1812

William F Adams
was born Dec. 30th 1829

Frances C. Adams was
born Sept 3rd 1831

Nannie T Adams was
born Feb. 10th 1834

Oliver H Adams was
born Nov. 8th 1835

Samuel J. Adams was
born April. 14th 1837

Bryant B. Adams was
born Oct 14th 1838

Job K. Adams was
born April. 8th 1840

Ann E Adams was
born June 14th 1842

John E Adams was born
May 14th 1844

Willis A. Adams was born
March 22nd 1847

Daniel P. Adams
was born Nov 24th 1848

Jack D. Adams was
born August 3rd 1850

Lizzie C. Adams was born
Jan. 4th 1852

George W. Adams was
born Nov 30th 1854

DEATHS

Frances C. Adams
Died 20th of June 1845

Oliver H. Adams Died
17th of May 1836

Ann E. Admas Died
9th of Jan. 1850

Lizzie C. Adams Died
19th of April 1857

George W. Adams Died
April 7th 1857

Job K. Adams Died
May 22nd 1859

J. E. Adams Died
the 12th of March 1863.

W. F. Adams Died
the 11th of Apr. 1863.

D. P. Adams Died
April 29, 1918

J. D. Adams Died
Nov., 12, 1922. Lufkin Tex.

Samuel Adams
Died May the 9th A D 1872

Samuel J. Adams
Died Feb 19th 1889

Eliza Adams Died
June 3d 1899.

Willis A. Adams Died
Oct. 19th 1900 -

B B Adams Died July 4
1908 -

Children of N. T. Baker -
Infant daughter died the
15th of Aug - 1860 -
Eva Baker the 1st of
Oct 1874 -
Clare Baker the
21st of July 1883

T. C. Baker Died
Oct 9th 1893.

J. Fannie Baker Cobb
Died March 31st 1911

T. E. Baker died July 2nd. 1909

N. T. Baker died Nov. 21, 1924

Mary Baker Cribbs Mar., 16, 1939

Note: This typescript is a verbatim copy of the three record pages from the Bible of Samuel Adams (1802-72), son of Samuel and Nancy (McKeel) Adams of Beaufort County, North Carolina. By 1826 the younger Samuel Adams was in Twiggs County, Georgia, where he married Eliza, daughter of McDaniel and Priscilla (Harrison) Oliver. Later he was in Stewart County and in 1858 moved from Georgia to Ashley County, Arkansas (where he was living when the 1860 and 1870 Censuses were taken); he died in Fannin County, Texas. Five of Samuel Adams' sons served the Confederacy in the War for Southern Independence, two dying in military service. The old Bible is in the custody of Dr. William E. Chappell, Virginia Polytechnic Institute, Blacksburg, Virginia, a great-grandson of Thomas E. and Nancy T. (Adams) Baker of Ashley County. A photostat of the original record pages is in the Georgia Archives, Atlanta.

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FAMILY RECORD.

MARRIAGES.

Samuel Adams and
Elsa Oliver were
married Jan. 22nd 1829

Jack S. Adams and
Mary Richardson were
married Oct. 18th 1881
In Darrin Co Texas

Samuel Adams
to Abigail Hearn
Robertson com.
was Oct. 16th
1857

J. P. Adams
30

Fallie Nobles in Glen
Tex Jan 6th 1884. or.

Thos. S. Butler
20

Wm. S. Adams
in Stewart com.
Georgia March
and 1857

Daniel P. Adams
To

At Graham
in Darrin Co Texas
March 1878

BIRTHS.

A. C. B.

Samuel Adams
was born Oct 30th 1802

Eliza Oliver was born
Sept 10th 1812

William F Adams
was born Dec. 30th 1829

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born Sept 3rd 1831

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born Feb. 10th 1834

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May 20th 1859

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J. P. Adams Died
April 29, 1918 (1918)

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Nov. 12, 1922. Lufkin Tex

Samuel Adams
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Died Feb 19th 1889.

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Oct 15th 1900.

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1908.

Children of W. B. Baker -
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Eva Baker the 12th of
Oct 1874.

Leora Baker the
21st of July 1883.

J. C. Baker Died
Oct 9th 1893.

J. F. Baker Died
March 31st 1911

J. C. Baker died July 2nd 1914
W. J. Baker died Nov 21st 1914

Wm. Baker died Nov 15th 1915

SAMUEL ADAMS

Saml. Adams was one of the pioneer families who came to Stewart Co from Talbot County, was born Dec. 14 - 1810 - married Holland Vosse in Pele - 1834 - son of Robert Adams and Margaret Rudd Adams.

The Adams family is descended from George Adams, who came from Scotland and settled at Newberryport, S. Carolina in early colonial times. His wife was Sarah Proctor and of Irish descent.

Robert Adams and wife came to Georgia and settled in Talbot Co., from whence his two sons Samuel and George, came to Stewart County in the early history of our County.

Samuel Adams was one of a family of Eight Children.

To Samuel Adams and wife were born the following Children -

(1)	William	born	Jan. 10, 1835	
(2)	Robert	"	Oct. 31 - 1836.	
(3)	George W.	"	Feb - 22 - 1838	
(4)	Charles B.	"	Sept - 20 - 1839	
(5)	Henry H.	"	May - 24 - 1841	Bible
(6)	Susannah	"	June - 11 - 1842	Records
(7)	Samuel O.	"	July - 20 - 1845	furnished
(8)	Winifred /sic/S.	"	May 20 - 1847	by Dr.
(9)	Mary Elizabeth	"	July - 22 - 1849	Marcus
(10)	Sarah A.	"	March 8 - 1851	Kenyon
(11)	Frances Ann	"	Feb - 24 - 1853	

Saml. & George Adams were lifetime residents of Stewart County. The lands owned by them lie between Providence Church and Old Union, near the road leading to the later place. Those who died in the County are buried in the Family Cemetery on the Adams land

Elmira Adams Kenyon - married Winfield Scott Adams: moved to Texas

Mary Elizabeth Adams married George Kenyon

Some of the sons moved to Texas

Note: This is a verbatim copy of a two-page, hand-written account in the possession of Mrs. W. O. Hancock (nee Vivian Cobb) of Silver Spring, Maryland, and a great-granddaughter of Samuel Adams (Oct. 30, 1802-May 9, 1872). This Samuel Adams married Eliza Oliver and also lived in Stewart County, Georgia, for a number of years. Concerning this manuscript, Mrs. Hancock says: "Here is a record we have had for a long time; I do not know where it came from. Some of the names seem to be the same as our family names. You may find a connection on some of them."

MEG: June 1960.

Samuel Adams & Holland Voss were married in Talbot Co., Ga., Feb. 23, 1834 (Ga. Pioneers Gen. Magazine, May '66, v. 3, No. 2, p. 71).

SOME ADAMS-CLEMENTS CENSUS RECORDS

STEWART COUNTY, GEORGIA: 1850

<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Sex</u>	<u>Occupation</u>	<u>Birthplace</u>
(Page 140, family 437)				
Samuel Adams	48	M	Farmer	S. C.
Eliza [Oliver]	37	F		Ga.
Wm F	20	M	Farmer	"
N. T.	16	F		"
S. J.	14	M		"
Job	10	M		"
Jno. E.	7	M		"
Willis	3	M		"
Daniel	2	M		"

In the neighboring B. M. Overly family (No. 438) is listed:

Briant Adams	12	M		Ga.
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(Page 139, family 428)				
Will A. Clements	54	M	Farmer	S. C.
Charity A.	42	F		Ga.
Jno. W.	23	M		"
H. T.	21	M		"
A. F.	16	M		"
Thos I.	15	M	Farmer	"
Sousan A	13	F		"
S A	10	F		"
Mary E	3	F		"
Robt	1	M		"

STEWART COUNTY, GEORGIA: 1860

Twenty-fourth District (Page 352, family 28)				
Will Clemons	64	M	Farmer	S. C.
Charity	57	F		"
Mary E	21	F		Ga.
Robert A	12	M		"
Jane L [?]	9	F		"

ASHLEY COUNTY, ARKANSAS: 1860

Mill Creek Township				
Samuel Adams	57	M	Farmer	N. C.
Eliza [Oliver]	47	F		Ga.
B. B.	21	M	Farmer	"
J. E.	16	M	"	"
W. A.	13	M		"
D. P.	10	M		"
J.	9	M		"

White Township				
T. E. Baker	28	M	Farmer	Ga.
N. T. [Adams]	27	F		"
Fannie	2	F		Ark.

son of Samuel Baker

ASHLEY COUNTY, ARKANSAS: 1870

Longview Township (Page 3, family 16)				
Adams Samuel	65	M	Farmer	S. C.
--- Eliza [Oliver]	58	F	Keeping house	Ga.
--- Estelle	15	F	(Attending ("
--- Georgiana	13	F) school)	"

Note: In the 1830 Census, Samuel Adams is named in Twiggs County, Georgia. In his household are enumerated one male under 5 years, one between 20 and 30 (which would be himself), one 30-40, and one female between 15 and 20 (his wife), with 7 slaves. The census returns for Twiggs and Stewart Counties, Georgia, and for Ashley County, Arkansas (1870), are from microfilm copies in the National Archives, Washington. The Ashley County data for 1860 are from a typed copy in the Arkansas History Commission, Little Rock.

To facilitate identification, this compiler has added in brackets the maiden names of wives of heads of families, when known. Living with Samuel and Eliza Adams in 1870 were two of their grandchildren, Estelle and Georgia Ann Adams, daughters of William F. and Susan A. (Clements) Adams. William F. Adams had died in the military service of the Confederacy in 1863.

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THE WILLIAM A. AND NELSON CLEMENTS FAMILIES
OF STEWART COUNTY, GEORGIA

Among the early settlers in Stewart County, Georgia, created from Randolph in 1830, were William A. Clements (1796-1881) and his younger brother, Nelson Clements (ca. 1803-1866). They were born in South Carolina and, by one account, are said to be sons of Capt. Gabriel Clements, a South Carolina soldier in the American Revolution, who died in Crawford County, Georgia, in 1825. In the latter part of the War of 1812 William A. Clements enlisted at Eutaw Springs or "Sumterville", South Carolina, and served as a private in Capt. James Bennett's company, Col. James McQuilla's regiment of militia (pension and bounty land records, National Archives, Washington).

Many of the early settlers of Stewart County came from the Edgefield District of South Carolina. Possibly the Clements brothers moved from there to Georgia and may have lived briefly in Wilkinson or Pulaski County, Georgia. William A. Clements' first wife was Margaret Jane Lawson. She was a daughter of Davenport and Margaret (Clements) Lawson who appear to have lived in succession in Wilkes, Wilkinson, and Crawford Counties. William Clements married his second wife, Charity Ann Bridges, in Stewart County on March 15, 1846. Nelson Clements married, about 1824 in Crawford County, Nancy Wynn (1803-April 14, 1856), daughter of Thomas and Mary (Sturtevant) Wynn, who are presumed to have lived previously in Hancock and Monroe Counties.

The 1830 Census names William Clements as head of family in Crawford County, Georgia (page 399). In his household are listed two males under 5, one 5-10, one 20-30, and one 30-40 (William), with one female under 5, one 10-15, and one 20-30 (wife Jane). In the same census (p. 414) is "Devenport" Lawson; his enumeration is one male under 5, one 5-10, three 20-30, one 50-60, with one female under 5 and another 40-50. In 1830 in adjacent Houston

County, from which Crawford was created, Nelson Clements is listed, he and his wife both being in the 20-30 age category, with two girls under 5. All three of these families settled in Stewart County in the 1830's, Nelson Clements apparently moving first, about 1831.

The 1850 Census for Stewart County names Will A. and Nelson Clements as heads of families. The former is shown as 54 years old, a farmer, worth \$24,000, and a native of South Carolina; his wife Charity A. (Bridges), is listed as 42 and born in Georgia (but the 1860 Census gives her birthplace as South Carolina). Nelson Clements is described in the 1850 Census as 47, owning 4000 acres of land, and born in South Carolina; his wife, Nancy (Wynn), is 47 and a native of Georgia.

The names and dates of birth of the children of William A. Clements (1796-1881), with only a few deaths entered, are given in the record pages of his family Bible (copied in 1929 by Mrs. Sara Robertson Dixon, Richland, Georgia). The children of W. A. Clements and his first wife, Margaret Jane Lawson (d. May 31, 1844), were:

- I. Jane Margaret Clements, b. April 25, 1820; m. Jacob F. Cooper on Feb. 9, 1842. She was dead before 1871, when her father's will was drawn leaving a share of his estate to "the children of Jane Cooper (my deceased daughter)".
- II. James Thomas Clements, b. July 4, 1822 (in Georgia, according to the 1850 Census); d. Jan. 26, 1851; m. Harriet Dixon (June 22, 1824-Oct. 23, 1854) on July 15, 1845. (After James' death, his widow married Davis G. Rogers on Sept. 11, 1855.) The children of James T. and Harriet (Dixon) Clements were:
 - A. Charles F. Clements, b. about 1847; d. Jan. 18, 1851.
 - B. James J. Clements, b. about 1848; d. Jan. 16, 1851.
 - C. Henrietta "Etta" Clements, b. Feb. 12, 1851; d. Aug. 30, 1927; m. J. Benjamin Dodge, Jan. 21, 1875, and lived in Atlanta; their children:
 1. William Robert Dodge, b. Nov. 8, 1875.
 2. Harriet Isabella Dodge, b. Jan. 18, 1878; m. H. A. Dalton.

3. Carrie Myrtice Dodge, b. Jan. 10, 1880; m. J. J. Eason.
 4. John Plummer Dodge, b. Dec. 27, 1880.
 5. Asbury Mercer Dodge, b. May 31, 1883.
 6. James Benjamin Dodge, b. Nov. 15, 1889.
- III. Martha Elizabeth Clements, b. Aug. 5, 1824; d. Aug. 23, 1849.
- IV. John William Clements, b. March 3, 1827; m. Roxy Ann Parker, Oct. 20, 1852; alive in 1871.
- V. Henry Talbot Clements, b. Aug. 20, 1829; d. June 11, 1873.
- VI. Sabrina Ann Clements, b. July 21, 1832; d. Dec. 9, 1833.
- VII. Aster Franklin Clements, b. Sept. 17, 1834; m. Sue Jarrell; moved to Greenville, Texas, after the War, and was living in 1871.
- VIII. Susan Ann Clements, b. Oct. 13, 1837; d. about 1890 in Ashley County, Arkansas; m. in 1852 William Franklin Adams (Dec. 30, 1829-April 11, 1863), son of Samuel and Eliza (Oliver) Adams; moved in 1858 to southeast Arkansas; four children:
- A. Estelle Adams, b. Jan. 13, 1854; d. Jan. 28, 1930, in Ashley County; m. Jan. 15, 1871, Thomas Gaines Duckworth (Jan. 28, 1848-Nov. 3, 1918), son of William Y. and Savilla (Welborn) Duckworth.
 - B. Georgia Ann Adams, b. Jan. 11, 1856; d. Oct. 8, 1892; m. Evander Falk (Feb. 5, 1852-April 27, 1917) on Nov. 14, 1878, and lived thereafter in Georgia and North Carolina.
 - C. Samuel Adams, b. 1858; died young.
 - D. Frankie Adams, b. February 1863; m. - - - McGuire.
- William A. Clements and his second wife, Charity Ann Bridges (b. about 1808, d. Jan. 30, 1879), had three children:
- I. Robert Nelson Clements, b. Oct. 9, 1847; d. June 10, 1885; m. Mary Frances Paramore (Feb. 8, 1850-March 11, 1917), daughter of William E. and Parmelia Flynn Paramore; one child:
 - A. Anza Ann Clements, m. Hugh Coffin Martin; lived in Columbus, Georgia; no children.
 - II. Lauretta Jane (or James) Clements, b. Feb. 12, 1851.
 - III. Emma James (? Joan or Jane) Clements, b. Oct. 20, 1853.

William A. Clements' will was drawn on January 30, 1871, and witnessed by J. B. Richardson, R. T. Gregory, and J. L. Wimberly. It was slightly revised by a codicil of April 13, 1878, and probated July 7, 1881, in the Court of Ordinary, Stewart County, Georgia. Minor bequests are made to son Robert N. Clements, daughter Emma Clements, and "my granddaughter, Henrietta Clements (daughter of my deceased son James)". A life interest in the estate is left "unto my wife Charity Clements", but she died two years before her husband. The will then directs that, after her death, "my property be divided into Eight equal shares" for distribution to sons John W., Henry Talbot, and Franklin; daughters Susan Adams and Emma Clements; son Robert N.; "my granddaughter Henrietta Clements . . . and the children of Jane Cooper (my deceased daughter)". Son Robert Clements is named executor; he qualified and took the oath on July 4, 1881.

About 1831 Nelson Clements settled at Richland in Stewart County and built a large two-story house. While his son William was living there, the second story was blown off in a storm on April 15, 1868, of such severity that the date was recorded in the family Bible of Nelson's brother, William A. Clements. It damaged a nearby forest to the extent that the land is known today as "tornado field". Nelson Clements was a successful planter and acquired considerable wealth, as stated in "Memoirs of Georgia". He is said to have built the first cotton gin here, located in the grove across from his house, and to have had 100 slaves when the War ended in 1865. Four sons served in the War Between the States. Nelson, his wife, and two sons are buried in the Lumpkin Baptist Cemetery. Others are in the old Richland Cemetery.

Nelson and Nancy (Wynn) Clements had eleven children:

- I. Eliza C. Clements, b. Dec. 26, 1826; d. Feb. 14, 1869; m. Robert Marshall Dixon (b. Aug. 2, 1826, d. Sept. 22, 1862); six children:

- A. John Jefferson Dixon, b. May 14, 1847; d. in 1920.
 - E. William Nelson Dixon, b. March 11, 1849; d. in 1880.
 - C. Georgia Aletha Dixon, b. Aug. 21, 1850; d. in 1940; m. J. J. Nicholson in 1866.
 - D. Thomas Shadrack Dixon, b. and d. in 1854.
 - E. Robert Thomas Dixon, 1856-1927, m. 1. Mattie Nicholson, and 2. Catherine Lucretia Snelling in 1888.
 - F. Marshall Lafayette Dixon, 1859-1894, m. Gussie Kimbrough.
- II. Elizabeth Clements, b. Dec. 6, 1828, in Houston County; d. Aug. 7, 1877; m. on June 14, 1847, to Singleton A. Thornton, b. May 25, 1829; lived at Brooksville, Randolph County; a son:
- A. William Nelson Thornton, b. Feb. 27, 1852; d. Oct. 6, 1886.
- III. William Nelson Clements, b. Aug. 6, 1830, in Houston County; d. 1893; m. Frances E. Ross, Oct. 24, 1854; served in Co. F, 46th Georgia Infantry, CSA; four children:
- A. Elizabeth Clements, b. about 1855; never married.
 - B. Dr. Jasper Clements, m. Miss Curry.
 - C. Josephine Clements.
 - D. James Nelson Clements, m. Margaret Wilson; no children.
- IV. John Clements, b. Sept. 1, 1832; d. Dec. 12, 1846.
- V. Lucy Jane Clements, b. March 15, 1835; d. Oct. 23, 1844.
- VI. James Arthur Clements, b. June 23, 1837; d. Oct. 9, 1838.
- VII. Thomas W. Clements, b. Aug. 29, 1839; d. in 1892; m. Mary Harriet Prothro, 1846-1893; served in Co. F, 46th Georgia Infantry, CSA; three children:
- A. Nelson Prothro "Jake" Clements, b. Jan. 14, 1869.
 - B. Maurice Clements, b. Oct. 5, 1871; d. Jan. 18, 1891.
 - C. Lilla Octalia Clements, b. Aug. 28, 1876; m. A. P. Majors.
- VIII. Jasper Clements, b. Feb. 26, 1842; d. Dec. 8, 1861, in military service, Co. C, 10th Georgia Regiment, CSA.

- IX. James N. Clements, b. Aug. 19, 1844; d. Nov. 27, 1863, in military service, Co. F, 46th Ga.
- X. Nancy Ann Josephine Clements, b. July 23, 1847; d. Sept. 7 (or 9), 1887; m. 1. on July 10, 1864, S. C. Passmore (d. Sept. 6, 1868), and 2. E. Love Kimbrough.
- XI. Victoria Ann Clements, b. March 15, 1853; d. Aug. 6, 1923; m. on July 29, 1869, to Dr. Zimri S. Coffin (May 20, 1833- Nov. 27, 1897); eight children of this union:
 - A. Linda Belle Coffin.
 - B. John C. Coffin, m. Julia Snelling.
 - C. Nelson Clements Coffin, m. Mary Joe Fitzgerald.
 - D. Edward Chester Coffin, m. Eula Cole Finn.
 - E. Lee Roy Coffin, m. Elma Dixon.
 - F. Zimri Lamar Coffin, m. Blanche Alston.
 - G. Victoria Pearl Coffin, m. Dr. A. T. Fort.
 - H. William Carter Coffin, m. Ruby Lunsford.

Note: This account is compiled from the History of Stewart County, Georgia, Vol. I, by Helen Eliza Terrill and Sara Robertson Dixon; much additional data from Mrs. Dixon's files, particularly the Bible records of William A. and Nelson Clements, supplemented by family recollections; and notes from the semi-legible 1850 and 1860 census returns for Stewart County. Of particular interest are the DAR membership papers of Mrs. Anza Ann (Clements) Martin, NSDAR No. 278922, October 26, 1932, based on presumed descent from Gabriel Clements. An affidavit of his widow, Mary (Watts) Clements, in support of a pension application, names "her oldest child William Clements" as born February 21, 1795. However, the Bible record of William A. Clements of Stewart County, as copied by Mrs. Dixon in 1929, gives his birth-date as April 7, 1796. This inconsistency offers an intriguing genealogical puzzle.

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RECORD FROM THE FAMILY BIBLE OF
WILLIAM A. CLEMENTS, STEWART COUNTY, GEORGIA

W. A. Clements and Charity Ann Bridges were married March 15, 1846

William A. Clements was born April 7, 1796-

Jane Lawson, wife of William A. Clements was born [no date given]

Jane Margaret Clements daughter of William A. Clements was born 25th
April 1820.

James Thomas Clements son of William was born 4th of July, 1822

Martha Elizabeth Clements daughter of William Clements born 5th August
1824.

John William son of William was born 3rd of March 1827

Henry Talbot son born 20th August 1829

Sabrina Ann daughter born 21 July 1832

Aster Franklin son born Sept. 17th, 1834

Susan Ann daughter born Oct. 13, 1837

Emma daughter born Aug. 22, 1842

Robert N. Clements born Oct. 9, 1847

Lauretta James Clements born Feb. 12, 1851

Emma James Clements born Oct. 20, 1853

Deaths:

Sabrina Ann Clements daughter of William A. Clements and his wife Jane
Clements died Dec. 9, 1833

Jane Clements wife of William died May 31, 1844

Martha Elizabeth Clements died Aug. 23, 1849.

Mrs. Jane Cooper wife of J. F. Cooper and daughter of W. A. and wife
M. J. Clements departed this life May [no date]

"Dr. H. T. Clements" son of W. A. and his wife M. J. Clements departed
this life June 11, 1873

(W. A. Clements Bible Record, continued:)

James T. Clements son of William and his wife Jane Clements departed this life 26th of January in the year of our Lord 1851

Charles F. Clements son of James Clements and his wife Harriet Clements departed this life 18th of January in the year of our Lord 1851

James J. Clements son of James Clements and his wife Harriet Dixon Clements departed this life 16th day of January in the year of our Lord 1851

Harriet E. Rogers died on the 23rd of Oct. 1854

Died on the 30th day of January 1879 Mrs. Charity Ann Clements in the 71st year of her age.

Record of Slaves:

Jourdan a negro boy was borned in the year of our Lord June 15, 1853

Buford a negro boy was born in the year of our Lord June 12, 1855

Mandy a negro girl was born in the year of our Lord Sept. 8, 1850

Garrbough a negro boy was born June 14, 1866-

The storm occurred April 15, 1868. Another storm Feb. 21, 1873.

Note: The above record was copied in 1929 by Mrs. Harry M. Dixon (nee Sara C. Robertson), Richland, Stewart County, Georgia. The old Bible was then in the possession of Mrs. J. J. Eason (nee Carrie Myrtice Dodge) of Atlanta and had previously belonged to her mother, Mrs. J. Benjamin Dodge (born Henrietta Clements), a daughter of James T. and grand-daughter of William A. Clements of Stewart County.

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THE NELSON CLEMENTS FAMILY BIBLE

Eliza C. Clements, born Dec. 26, 1826.
 Elizabeth Clements, born Dec. 6, 1828, died Aug. 3, 1877.
 William Clements, born Aug. 6, 1830.
 John Clements, born Sept. 1, 1832, died Dec 12, 1846.
 Lucy Jane Clements, born March 15, 1835, died Oct. 23, 1844.
 James Arthur Clements, born June 23, 1837, died Oct. 9, 1838.
 Thomas Clements, born Aug. 29, 1839.
 Jasper Clements, born Feb. 26, 1842, died Dec. 8, 1861.
 James N. Clements, born Aug. 19, 1844, died Nov. 27, 1863.
 Nancy C. E. Brooks, born Dec. 16, 1845.
 Nancy Ann Josephine Clements, born July 23, 1847, died Sept. 9, 1887.
 Victoria A. Clements, born March 15, 1853, died Aug. 6, 1923.

Children of Eliza C. Clements and R. M. Dixon.

William N. Dixon, March 11, 1849
 John J. Dixon, May 14, 1847.
 Georgia Aletha Dixon, Aug. 21, 1850.

Children of Thomas Clements.

Nelson Protho Clements, born Jan. 14, 1869.
 Maurice Clements, born Oct. 5, 1871.
 Lilla Otalia Clements, born Aug. 28, 1876.

Marriages.

Eliza C. Clements married July 2, 1846, R. M. Dixon.
 Elizabeth Clements married in 1847, S. A. Thornton.
 William N. Clements married on Oct. 24, 1854, Frances E. Ross.
 Nancy Josephine Clements married on July 10, 1864, S. C. Passmore. Married second B. Love Kimbrough.
 Victoria A. Clements married on July 29, 1869, Dr. Z. S. Coffin.

Deaths.

Nancy Clements, wife of Nelson Clements, died April 14, 1856.
 Nelson Clements, husband of Nancy Clements, died Aug 31, 1866.
 S. C. Passmore, husband of Nancy Josephine Clements Passmore, died Sept. 6, 1868.
 Eliza Clements Dixon died Feb. 14, 1869.
 R. M. Dixon died Sept 22, 1862.
 Nancy J. Passmore Kimbrough died Sept. 7, 1887.

Note: The above record of the children, and some of the grandchildren, of Nelson Clements (ca. 1803-1866) and his wife, Nancy Wynn (ca. 1803-1856), is from Volume I, pages 433-4, History of Stewart County, Georgia, by Helen Eliza Terrill and Sara Robertson Dixon, Columbus, Georgia, 1958. At the time this material was copied for publication, the old Bible was in the possession of Miss Linda Coffin of Richland, Stewart County. Its present whereabouts are unknown.

GABRIEL AND MARY CLEMENTS OF SOUTH CAROLINA AND GEORGIA

In the Richland District of South Carolina, on November 28, 1823, "Gabriel Clements . . . being duly sworn says on his oath that he serv'd faithfully during the Revolutionary war in the company commanded by Capt Debose one year as a private & the rest of the time as first Lieut: in said DeBose's company & that he has never recd any pay for sd service, from the State or from the United States either directly or indirectly or has he sold any right or title of his said services." Gabriel Clements signed this statement with his mark before West Caughman.

In support of the above claim are appended three affidavits, all sworn to before William A. Brickell, J. P., Richland District. On December 11, 1820, Phillip Roberts states "that Gabriel Clements did serve in the armies of the State of South Carolina during the Revolutionary war as a private in Capt DuBose's Company in the Regiment commanded by Col Benton under the Command of Genl. Marion That the said Gabriel Clements was afterwards elected Captain of Militia and always behaved and fought gallantly." Over his mark Clement Clements on December 13, 1820, "makes oath that he knows that Gabriel Clements did serve in the armies of the State of South Carolina under Genl. Marion during the Revolutionary war - . . . that he is now old and infirm and unable to work for his support as set forth in his petition to the Legislature." Also by mark, Charles Spiers on December 2, 1822, "makes oath that he was acquainted with Gabriel Clements during the Revolutionary war, and that he knows that he did serve in the armies of . . . South Carolina . . . but does not know positively how long - That the Deponent's father served under his Command (the said Gabriel Clements then being an ensign in the said line) . . ."

In the Sumter District of South Carolina Peter DuBose, on November 2, 1822, appeared before Felix Ellis, J. P., "and Duly made oath that he was personally acquainted with Gabriel Clemons [sic] during the Revolutionary war, he the sd. Clemons conducted himself as a faithful soldier under the Command of Capt. Andrew DuBose and myself and afterwards was elected Ensign in the same Company and done duty under the Command of Colonel Benton and General Marion during which time to my certain knowledge his house and fernature ware burned by the Enemy." This statement receives a further signed endorsement: "I the said Capt John Stewart do Ascertain the above mentioned to be just and true".

The Committee on Claims of the South Carolina Legislature referring to "the petition of Gabriel Clements praying payment for Revolutionary services beg leave to Report . . . that the petitioner did serve his Country Throughout the Revolutionary war either as a private soldier or as an Officer for which it appears that he has Not been Compensated, but as his documents are not full & satisfactory as to the Amount that should be paid and as he has now become very old and infirm your Committee has thought Respectfully to recommend that he be placed on the pension list with one year arrearage of Pension, which is in lieu of all claims against the State for Revolutionary services" This was promptly approved in December 1823.

As the widow of a Revolutionary soldier, Mary Clements was entitled to certain benefits under various Acts of Congress. On January 29, 1853, she appeared before James A. Rogers, Judge of the Inferior Court, Telfair County, Georgia. Giving her age as then 82 years, she "doth on her oath make the following Declaration . . . : That she is the widow of Captain Gabriel Clements who entered the service of the United States in the Revolutionary War in South Carolina as a private in the Company Commanded by Captain Andrew DuBose and in the Regiment Commanded by Colonel Benton under General Francis Marion and after serving in that capacity one year he was promoted to ensign & was Lieutenant (the first) in said Company: That having served for a Considerable time as Lieutenant in said Company he was elected a Captain in the Militia in which Capacity he served during . . . [1780-1782]: That all of his service was under General Francis Marion who pervaded the swamps of the lower part of South Carolina: That not having recieved his pay for said services . . . he petitioned the Legislature of South Carolina in . . . [1823] . . . and Submitted proofs of his said services and was placed on the Pension Roll of said State in said year . . . : That the reason why this deponent has not applied at an earlier day for her pension as the widow of said Captain Gabriel Clements deceased was because she was not until recently aware of her right to the same she being aged, poor, destitute & unlearned, living in an humble circle of life and in a remote part of Georgia: That at the time her said husband was pensioned as aforesaid he lived in Lexington District South Carolina and having removed to Crawford County in the State of Georgia he died in the latter on 20th October 1825: That since his death as aforesaid She has remained a widow & now is: That she has been living in Telfair County Georgia for Twenty four years past: That before her marriage to said Captain Gabriel Clements her name was Mary Watts & that their marriage took place in Lexington District South Carolina on the nineteenth day of February seventeen hundred and Ninetythree (19th February 1793): That she was married as aforesaid by John Fairchilds a Justice of the Peace & that the persons present at the ceremony were Cornelius Clements, Verdiman Clements, John Eli, Martha C Clements and Delilah Bell: That she had a family Record showing the date of her said marriage & birth of her children which she was so unfortunate as to loose by its getting burned up years ago which fact she can substantiate by several persons: That after so loosing her family Record she had the date of her said marriage & birth of her child set down on a piece of paper which she herewith submits: That her oldest child William Clements was born two years after her marriage to wit on the twenty-first day of February 1795: . . ."

Veterans of the Revolution, or their estates, were allowed bounty lands for military service, on the winning side. On June 17, 1857, "Mary Clements, aged 86 years," and still a resident of Telfair County, ". . . who being duly sworn according to law, Declares that she is the identical person who is in receipt of a Pension as the widow of Gabriel Clements who was a private of Cavalry and an Ensign in the revolutionary war, (Proof of which has been laid before the Department,) and whose name is inscribed on the roll of Pensioners under act of February 2nd 1848 Page 209 Vol 3., . . . And that she has never heretofore made any application for bounty land under any act of Congress." This declaration is witnessed by William L. Rogers, J. P., and by Alexander L. Slone and John C. Daniel. Jacob A. "Clemens", Jacksonville, Georgia, is given power of attorney to receive the bounty land warrant.

Martin,

A DAR membership application of Mrs. Anza Ann Clements/ Columbus, Georgia, based on Gabriel Clements' service, contains some additional family information and enigmatic clues for further research and checking. The original application, in the DAR Library in Washington, contains some cross-outs, substituted insertions, interlineations, and marginal notes in several hands. The interpretation and abstracting of these data are therefore somewhat uncertain.

The application shows Gabriel Clements as born about 1763 in Bedford County, Virginia (created in 1754 from Albemarle and Lunenburg). However, the date of birth is crossed through, and "12-25-1749" is interlined. Gabriel Clements' wife, Mary Watts, is shown as having been born in 1771 and having died "11-14-1869", and an interlined note suggests this as probably a second marriage for Gabriel, possibly because of difference in ages. William, James, Clement, John, and "Probably Others" are listed in that order as children of Gabriel Clements. By note the first three (William, James, and Clement) are referred to as "named as surviving in pension of Widow Mary - File W 27592". These data list William as born 1795, married 1. Jane Lawson, 2. Charity Ann Bridges; James, born 1805, married Elizabeth; and John, born "3-10-1800". No date of birth or name of wife is given for son Clement Clements.

The DAR information states that Gabriel Clements "received State pension, later a government pension" and that his widow "moved with her son to Telfair County where she died at a very advanced age." There is then a note indicating that Gabriel's "Brother Clement b. 1764 in Bedford Co. Va. . . . Moved to S. C. Darlington (then Cheraws) 1771". Some of the citations to authorities and other references are vague or not particularized, as "see Pension - Clement Clements D. A. R. Pensions v. 111", "photostats on file in D. A. R. Library Vol 57 - D. A. R. Pension Records" and, in still another hand, "See Nat. No. 104282 - Add. 111".

William Clements, son of Gabriel and Mary (Watts) Clements, is shown as born "2-21-1795", died "9-6-1882", and married in 1846 to his second wife, Charity Ann Bridges, born in 1808 and died "1-30-1879". Above each of these dates of death is interlined "living 1870", with an apparent reference to "1870 - Census Records p. 305" (probably Stewart County, Georgia).

Note: The foregoing account is pieced together from partial pension and bounty land records (W 27 592 and BL Wt. 67 699-160-55) in the National Archives and Mrs. Anza Ann Clements Martin's DAR application (NSDAR No. 278922, accepted October 26, 1932) from the DAR Library, Washington. The probate records for 1825 in Crawford County, Georgia, contain no will or settlement of estate for Gabriel Clements. The will of a William A. Clements of Stewart County, Georgia, was drawn January 30, 1871, and probated July 7, 1881; son Robert N. Clements (father of Mrs. Martin) was named executor (Stewart County, Court of Ordinary, Will Book B, pages 222-3).

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THE DAVENPORT LAWSON FAMILY OF STEWART COUNTY, GEORGIA

About 1834 Davenport Lawson moved from Crawford County, Georgia, to Stewart and settled in the County Line community on Lot 99, 20th District. Tradition states that his wife was Margaret Clements, a cousin or aunt of the Clements brothers, William A. and Nelson, who also settled in Stewart County in the 1830's. Davenport Lawson is believed to have been one of four sons of Pleasant and Jennie (Turner) Lawson and a grandson of Meshack Turner.

The will of "Jinnie" Lawson was signed March 20, 1828, with her mark, and witnessed by John Hardie, Daniel Burke, and Wiley Williams (recorded at page 285, Record of Returns of 1820-1828, Wilkinson County, Georgia, but date of probate is not available). To son John Lawson she leaves "one bed and the furniture thereon belonging & one gray horse ten years old and also five head of cattle". Then, "my two lots of land that I own in Lee County I desire to be sold and the money equally divided between all my children to wit: John Lawson, Davenport Lawson, Thomas Lawson, Amos Lawson." Son John is named executor. A conjecture is that the two lots were "probably land drawn by her husband, who was a revolutionary soldier (name unknown, but possibly Jimmy)." Another account gives her husband's name as Pleasant Lawson of Wilkes County, presumed dead before 1828. The will of Meshack Turner, probated February 1, 1808, in Wilkes County names a daughter, Jenny Lawson.

A Lottery list for Wilkinson County, in the Office of the Clerk of the Superior Court, dated September 6, 1830, names: "Jenny Lawson widow 2 draws". Her residence is given as "Capt. Hall's District." Query: Although Jenny Lawson's will was drawn in 1828, we are not certain of date of probate and, thereby, approximate date of death; also, even if she died in 1828 or 1829, her name may have been overlooked and have remained on the list of those eligible for draws in the land lottery.

A deed dated January 11, 1815, and recorded in the Clerk's Office, Superior Court of Wilkes County, Georgia (Book AAA, page 6), shows Pleasant and Jenny Lawson selling land on Little River. Her signature is by mark "X" on this deed. Also in Wilkes County, Pleasant Lawson was witness in 1821 to the will of John Lawson, and William Davenport was administrator.

In the Federal Census of 1830 for Crawford, "Devenport" Lawson's household is enumerated as one male under 5, one 5-10, three 20-30, one 50-60, with one female under 5 and another 40-50 (1830 Census, Crawford County, Georgia, page 414). The age categories would indicate that Davenport Lawson was born between 1770 and 1780, and his wife 1780-1790. Also living in Crawford County in 1830 was Davenport Lawson's son-in-law, William Clements (1796-1881), a native of South Carolina, who had married Jane Lawson. Their census enumeration (page 399) lists two males under 5, one 5-10, one 20-30, and one 30-40, with one female under 5, one 10-15, and one 20-30.

Davenport Lawson's will was drawn August 12, 1840, and probated November 27 (or Sept. 7) of the same year (recorded in Will Book A, 1837-1847, Stewart County, Georgia). Executors were sons, James and Thomas Lawson, and son-in-law, William A. Clements. The will ~~is said to~~ name wife Margaret, daughter Sabra Durham, son William, daughter Jane Clements, sons James and Thomas, daughter Mary Slatter, and a grandson, James T. Pettis, a minor. Probably, a review of the settlement of the estate would add to the very little information now available on some of Davenport Lawson's children:

- I. Sabra (or Sabrina) Lawson, b. about 1797 in Georgia; d. 1871 in Twiggs County; m. about 1814-15 Hardy Durham (1787-1860, S. C. & Ga.). Both are buried in the Durham-Wimberly cemetery near the home site on the old Durham plantation about three miles west from Jeffersonville on Highway 96. Hardy and Sabrina (Lawson) Durham had at least one child:

- A. Caroline Durham, b. July 22, 1817; d. 1864; m. ^{Jan. 22, 1834,} ~~in 1833~~ Dr. Henry S. Wimberly (March 26, 1812-March 1896) and lived in Twiggs County.

II. William Lawson.

III. Margaret Jane (Peggy or Jenny) Lawson, d. May 31, 1844, in Stewart County; was first wife of William A. Clements (1796-1881). The names of their nine children are available from the old Bible record (copied by Mrs. Sara Robertson Dixon in 1929):

- A. Jane Margaret Clements, b. April 25, 1820; d. before 1871; m. Jacob F. Cooper, Feb. 9, 1842.
- B. James Thomas Clements, b. July 4, 1822; d. Jan. 26, 1851; m. Harriet Dixon (June 22, 1824-Oct. 23, 1854) on July 15, 1845.
- C. Martha Elizabeth Clements, b. Aug. 5, 1824; d. Aug. 23, 1849.
- D. John William Clements, b. March 3, 1827; m. Roxy Ann Parker, Oct. 20, 1852; alive in 1871.
- E. Henry Talbot Clements, b. Aug. 20, 1829; d. June 11, 1873.
- F. Sabrina Ann Clements, b. July 21, 1832; d. Dec. 9, 1833.
- F. Aster Franklin Clements, b. Sept. 17, 1834; m. Sue Jarrell; moved after the War to Greenville, Texas; living in 1871.
- G. Susan Ann Clements, b. Oct. 13, 1837; d. about 1890 in Ashley County, Arkansas; m. in 1852 William Franklin Adams (Dec. 30, 1829-April 11, 1863); moved to southeast Arkansas in 1858.
- H. Mary Emma Clements, b. Aug. 22, 1842; d. Sept. 26, 1885; m. Judge M. H. Bush of Webster County, Georgia.

IV. James Lawson, m. Mary Ann Beard, Nov. 30, 1845; among their children:

- A. James Edmund Lawson.
- B. Josephine Antalucy Lawson, m. George R. Halliday in January 1870.

V. Thomas Lawson.

- VI. Mary Lawson, apparently m. to Edward C. Slatter.
- VII. - - - Lawson, m. - - - Pettis, and parents of:
- A. James T. Pettis, m. Emily Ray on Sept. 27, 1849.

"Col. Hal Lawson of Abbeville is a descendant of John Davenport Lawson, son of Davenport Lawson. [Query: Did Davenport have a son John, or just what is the relationship?] Mrs. Walker Jordan, Hawkinsville, and Mrs. Laura Wimberly Faulk, Jeffersonville, are descended from Sabrina Lawson, b. about 1791, d. 1871, who married Hardy Durham of Twiggs County. An old slave of Davenport Lawson stated that Sabrina's mother was blind in her old age and that he used to lead her about. Emma Clements, daughter of W. A. and Jane Lawson, often visited the family of Sabrina Lawson Durham, who have a picture of her."

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LAWSON MISCELLANY

(Here are appended fragments of information which, on further investigation, may be found to throw some light on the antecedents of Davenport Lawson of Stewart County.)

A land lottery list of 1806 for Wilkes County, Georgia, names John, William, Adam, Winwright, and Pleasant Lawson in Capt. Sherrod Malone's militia district (copy in the Georgia State Archives, Atlanta).

On May 29, 1810, the Governor of Georgia, from Milledgeville, ordered the preparation of "Commissions for Officers of the Militia of the State . . . For Roger Lawson Esquire as Captain, Davenport Lawson Gentleman as Lieutenant, and Robert Parrott Gentleman as Ensign of the 324 Company." The county of residence or duty station is not given (Georgia Archives, Atlanta), but presumably Militia District 324, Twiggs County.

The 1812 Tax Digest of Wilkes County, Georgia, names Winwright, John, Brooks, Pleasant, Irwin, and Adam Lawson in the 27th District. Pleasant Lawson holds 120 acres in Lot 3, adjoining land owned by a Turner.

In 1818 Davenport Lawson (25th District) and Amos Lawson are on the Twiggs County tax list.

In the 1820 Census for Wilkes County, Georgia, a Pleasant Lawson (page 274) is named as head of a family. In his enumeration are one male 26-45 and one under 10, two females under 10, one 26-45, and one over 45. If the age category for the head of family is given correctly as 26-45 (but the census takers sometimes made mistakes), then this Pleasant Lawson is indicated as being born between 1775 and 1794. Also in this Wilkes County census for 1820 are other Lawsons: David, Shetta, and two Johns (perhaps Junior and Senior).

The marriage records of Wilkes County show a Pleasant Lawson as marrying Nancy Dossey, May 16, 1824.

Pleasant Lawson appears in the records of Talbot County, Georgia, in "Coxes Dist. 1124 - 15 - 2", while Pleasant A. Lawson is in Putnam County, Georgia, in "Roberson's Dist., 1227 - 2 - 1". (No dates are given, but Talbot was created in 1827 from Muscogee and Troup Counties, and Putnam in 1807 from Baldwin).

For the "Frustrating Coincidences Department": In the 1850 Census for Pontotoc Co., Miss., as head of family is a Davenport Lawson (family 974), a clerk, aged 35, born in Tenn. Presumed wife Martha, aged 26 and born in Tenn., and three children, Elizabeth, Maria, and John - aged 6, 4, and 1 respectively, Elizabeth born in Tenn., the other two in Miss.

Note: This account is possible through the kindness of Mrs. Harry M. Dixon, Richland, Georgia, in allowing use of her extensive data on Georgia genealogy and local history.

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Wilkes Co., Ga., Early Marriage Records

LAWSON, Booker & Rebecca Wilson, Dec. 20, 1806
 " John & Marh (Martha ?) Matthews, ----- 1819
 " John & Nancy Turner, Dec. 31, 1818
 " Pleasant & Nancy Dossey, May 16, 1824
 " Shelton & Eliza Wellborn, Apr 24, 1823
 Lawsons, David & Mary Findley, Nov 19, 1818 (page 15)

TURNER, Henry & Elizabeth Lain, June 30, 1832
 " Henry & Lucindy Farrington, Mar 31, 1811
 " Meshack & Mary Ann Robertson, June 15, 1809
 " William & Lucy Meriwether, Feb 14, 1818
 " William & Mary W. Hughs, Feb 25, 1819 (page 24)

"Ceded Lands" Records of St. Paul Parish and Early Wilkes County, Georgia
 (compiled by Alden Associates, Albany, Georgia, 1964), pp. 15, 24.

In 1785 three Turners are listed in a Wilkes County tax list: James (minor), Mesheck, and Shadrick (*ibid.*, p. 105), as are two John Lawsons (p. 99). In Wilkes County in 1794 are named in a tax list John and Winright Lawson of Wilkes and Oglethorpe Counties, respectively, but they are not named in Wilkes in 1792 or 1793. No Turners are listed in the 1792 list, but in 1793 are Abednego, Benjamin, James, John, Meshack, Jr., and Meshack, Sr. George Turner is in the 1794 list (*ibid.*, pp. 49, 65).

Abstracts- Early Wills - Wilkes County, Georgia

TURNER, Meshack W/B H H 1810-16, p. 4
 wife: Sally; daus: Nancy and Sally made equal with other children; sons: Meshack; James; daus: Jinnie Lawson; Rebecca Pruitt, land where Bird Pruitt lives. Exrs: Bird Pruitt; John Turner; Daniel Ogletree. Wit: John Ogletree; _____ (?) Parker. s/ _____ ? - probated 2/1/1808 (*ibid.*, p. 154).

TURNER, Rebeckah W/B 1792-1801, p. 174
 mentions dec'd husband, Meshack; children: Polly Turner; Meshack; John; James; Rebeckah Ogletree; Susannah Wilhite; Sally Billingslea. Exrs: sons James & John. Wit: Chas. Dean, Jr; & Urial Turner. signed 10/14/1796 - probated 1/4/1797 (p. 154).

Luke Turner was a witness to the will of Nathaniel Twining in 1815, which was recorded in Wilkes Co., Ga., Will Book 1818-19 (*ibid.*, p. 154).

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VICTOR DAVIDSON.
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8/30/54

Mrs. H. M. Dixon, Historian,
Roanoke Chapter, D. A. R.
Richland, Georgia.

Dear Mrs. Dixon:-

Pursuant to yours of the 27th, I have just been to the Ordinary's Office, and hope that I have obtained the information you need. I found on page 285 of the Record of Returns of 1820-1828 the following will:

"In the name of God Amen. Knowing that all mankind have once to die, I, in sound mind but low in health, I first recommend my soul to God who gave it, my body to be buried decently at the discretion of my friends. As to my worldly goods, first, I give to Son John Lawson one bed and the furniture thereon belonging & one gray horse ten years old and also five head of cattle, and my two lots of land that I own in Lee county I desire to be sold and the money equally divided between all my children to wit: John Lawson, Davenport Lawson, Thomas Lawson, Amos Lawson. I further make and ordain my son John Lawson the sole Executor to this my last will and testament. In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand seal, this 20th March, 1828.

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Jinnie ~~Lawson~~
mark

Test:

John Hardie
Daniel Burke
Wiley Williams

Following this will, there is recorded on the same page the affidavits of the witnesses before the Inferior Court that they saw "Jinny" Lawson sign the will. There is also the affidavit of John Lawson made for the purpose of qualifying as Executor.

I am sorry that the error in the name got into my history. However, you know how easy it is for such to happen.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

/SGD/ VICTOR DAVIDSON

Victor Davidson

NOTES ON THE McDANIEL OLIVER FAMILY OF GEORGIA

The parentage and date and place of birth of McDaniel Oliver are uncertain. He is said to have been of Scottish descent and to have moved to Georgia from Virginia. His given name may have been McDonald, as witness the similarity of pronunciation of "McDan'l" and "McDon'l" in the Lower South. In the 1820 Census McDaniel Oliver is named head of a family in Laurens County, Georgia, and then listed as over 45. Others in this household are one male under 10, two 10-16, and one 16-18, three females under 10, two 10-16, and one 26-45, with 23 slaves (Census of 1820, Laurens County, Georgia, p. 79).

In Twiggs County, adjoining Laurens, McDaniel Oliver is not in a published tax list for 1818, but is named in the 1826 Tax Digest for Twiggs in Captain Tison's militia district (Faulk and Jones, History of Twiggs County, Georgia, Columbus 1960, p. 208). In this same district are also listed in 1826 James, Joseph, Wiley, and William Oliver, presumably McDaniel Oliver's sons, and Samuel and "Herman" Adams who later married two of his daughters.

The 1830 Census for Twiggs County names no McDaniel or McDonald Oliver, and we may assume that McDaniel Oliver died between 1826 and 1830. However, that county's 1830 Census does name several Olivers as heads of families: Wiley, age category 20-30; James 30-40; William 30-40; and McDaniel Oliver's widow Luraney 30-40 (Census of 1830, Twiggs County, Georgia, pp. 61, 63, 82, and 83, respectively). With Luraney, or Lurena, Oliver are enumerated a female under 5, a male under 5, and one male 5-10; presumably her younger stepchildren were living with their older brothers or sisters. McDaniel's widow, Lurena (Holmes) Oliver, is said to have married a Mr. Wheeler as her second husband.

By legal notice in Twiggs County, dated December 1, 1831, James and William Oliver, as administrators of the McDaniel Oliver estate, advertised to be sold in February 1832 the interest of the estate in the dower lands laid off for Luraney Oliver, widow of the deceased, in the plantation where deceased lived at the time of his death (from The Southern Recorder, published at Milledgeville, Georgia, and abstracted in The Georgia Genealogical Magazine, October 1964, No. 14, p. 876). At a widow's death or remarriage the property assigned to her as a dower returned to the husband's estate, or possibly the administrators were selling the future reversionary interest of the estate. Many of the early official records of Twiggs County were lost in 1901 in a courthouse fire.

In December 1834 William and Wiley Oliver, both described as of "Twiggs county, State of Georgia", patented 160 acres each in Sections 13 and 17, respectively, of Township 12, Range 27, in Barbour County, Alabama. In the following year Samuel and Harmon Adams each bought an 80-acre tract in Section 17 of the same township (records of the General Land office, National Archives, Washington, and "Land Grants in Barbour County, Alabama", Alabama Genealogical Register, v. 3, pp. 39-48). In 1840 in Barbour County a "Wily" Oliver is head of a family and tabulated as 20-30, perhaps an error of the census taker. The brothers Samuel and Harmon Adams are not named in this census. In this county in 1860 are named as heads of families a "McD." Oliver and a James H. Oliver, 34 and 30 years old, respectively, and both born in Georgia; in the family of the first is a boy named Wiley and in the second a "John McD" Oliver, both 7 and born in Alabama (Barbour County, Alabama, 1840 Census, p. 65; 1860 Census, pp. 8 and 155).

In a brief and confusing article, "Oliver of Georgia" (Saunders and Stubbs, Early Settlers of Alabama with Notes and Genealogies, 1899, pp. 413-16), a McDonald, or Mac, Oliver is credited with seven children by his unnamed first wife and three by his second wife, Lurena Holmes. However, a granddaughter of Mac Oliver's first marriage, Mrs. Thomas E. Baker, 1834-1924, born Nancy Thomas Adams, named the first wife as Priscilla Harrison and recalled ten children by the earlier marriage and three by the second. Piecing together the data from these two accounts, undocumented for the most part (with Mrs. Baker's additional or differing information in parentheses), we can present a record of McDonald (or McDaniel) Oliver's reputed 13 children, order of birth uncertain, and some of his grandchildren:

By the first wife (Priscilla Harrison):

1. James Oliver, his children:

- a. Henry Oliver of Macon, Georgia.
- b. William Oliver.
- c. Frank Oliver.
- d. Sarah Oliver.
- e. Nancy Oliver.

2. William Oliver, 1798-1836; m. 1. Dorcas Harrison, 1802-1830, daughter of Benjamin and Charity Williams Harrison, and 2. in 1834 Irene Drake; moved from Twiggs to Randolph County, Georgia, about 1835. Children of the first marriage were:

- a. Andrew J. Oliver, b. 1825; m. Sarah Francis Studstill; five children of this marriage.
- b. Thaddeus Oliver, 1826-1864; died in military service; author of "All Quiet along the Potomac To-night"; m. Sarah P. Lawson; father of Rev. Hugh F. Oliver and Admiral James Harrison Oliver.

c. Ann Oliver, m. 1. H. H. Rainey, and 2. Charles Darden.

d. Charlotte Oliver, m. Christopher McRae.

e. Francis Oliver, died young.

f. Dorcas Oliver, b. 1830; m. John McLean.

William Oliver and his second wife, Irene Drake, had one child:

g. William Oliver, m. Sally Collier.

3. Joseph Oliver.

4. John Oliver.

5. Wiley Oliver (m. Mildred Faulk), moved from Twiggs County, Georgia,

to Barbour County, Alabama, in the 1830's; among his children:

a. William Oliver, b. Twiggs County, Ga., Feb. 24, 1829; d. July

1891 at Wesson, Miss.; m. 1. Mary Milner Callaway, and 2.

Melissa D. Callaway.

b. A. B. Oliver, Osyka, Miss. --; issue

6. Ann Oliver (m. Edwin, or Edmund, Hodges).

7. Charlotte Oliver (m. Elvin Wainwright).

8. (Eliza Oliver, b. Sept. 10, 1812, in Georgia; d. June 3, 1899, at

Eros, La.; m. Jan. 22, 1829, in Twiggs County to Samuel Adams, 1802-

1872, son of Samuel and Nancy McKeel Adams. In 1858 Samuel and Eliza

Adams moved from Stewart County, Ga., to Ashley County, Ark.; for names

of their 14 children, see "The Samuel Adams Family of Georgia and Ark-

ansas" or photostats of record pages from Samuel Adams' family Bible

in the Georgia Archives, Atlanta, original in possession of Dr. William

E. Chappell, Virginia Polytechnic Institute, Blacksburg, Va.).

9. (Susan Oliver, m. Matthew Albritton).

10. (Sarah Oliver, m. Harman Adams in 1837 in Stewart County, Ga.;

he was a son of Samuel and Nancy McKeel Adams.)

Children of Mac Oliver and his second wife, Lurena Holmes:

11. Augustus Oliver (m. - - - Williams), eight children.
 12. Nancy Ann Oliver, m. George W. (or Albert) Roberts; nine children.
 13. McDonald (or McDaniel) Oliver, Jr., m. Paine Ricks; died in Confederate military service; two children.

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In connection with McDaniel Oliver's first wife, presumed to be Priscilla Harrison, some interesting coincidences are presented by fragmentary data from Cumberland County, Virginia. In that county in the 1750's there appear to be two contemporary Benjamin Harrisons. In March 1754 a Benjamin Harrison of Cumberland, lately removed from Richmond County and son of George Harrison, received a deed from John Elliott. In October 1762 this Benjamin and wife Ellen sold 400 acres of land to Edward Tabb (Cumberland Deed Book 3, p. 324).

The will of still another Benjamin Harrison of Cumberland was drawn on January 14, 1761, and proved in court February 23, 1761. His children are named as: 1. Anne Allen, 2. Priscilla, 3. Elizabeth, 4. Mary, 5. Cary, 6. Martha, 7. Rebecca, 8. Sookey (Susan), and 9. Benjamin. Col. Archibald Cary and Alexander Trent are executors. The widow was Priscilla Harrison; on October 5, 1776, she gave her son Benjamin 100 acres of woodland on Willis' River, ". . . being part of 600 acres devised her by her late husband, Benjamin, deceased". At the same time she gave 100 acres to another son, Cary Harrison (Cumberland Deed Book 5, p. 497; also Tyler's Quarterly, v. 6, pp. 205-06, and v. 7, pp. 286-87). Cary and "Precilla" Harrison are named in the 1782 and 1784 tax lists of Cumberland County. In 1782 their

respective enumerations are one white, with 12 blacks, and six whites, with 36 blacks (Bureau of the Census, Heads of Families . . . 1790 . . . Virginia, Washington, 1908, pp. 16 and 67). The marriage bond of a Cary Harrison and Sarah Langhorne is dated January 29, 1789; Joseph Michaux is surety (Clerk's Fee Book, Cumberland County, in Virginia State Library, Richmond; typescript in office of the County Clerk, Cumberland Court House, Virginia).

Priscilla Harrison, daughter of the Benjamin Harrison of Cumberland who died in 1761, would be too old to be the mother of Eliza Oliver, born in 1812 in Georgia. What then, and where now? The well-known half-truths and legends inherent in family recollections and family traditions are such that one may wonder whether it was McDaniel Oliver's wife, mother, mother-in-law, or just a favorite aunt who may have been named Priscilla Harrison. An explanation may be found somewhere in the intervening 50 years and 500 miles between Cumberland County, Virginia, and Middle Georgia.

A note on the recurrence of the name Priscilla: On March 9, 1834, in Camden County, Georgia, a Priscilla Harrison married John W. Clubb (Georgia Genealogical Magazine, July 1960, No. 1, p. 29).

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Note: This inconclusive account is pieced together from many sources, as indicated above, and some of these may not be entirely reliable. The recollections of Mrs. Nancy T. Adams Baker (1834-1924), relating to the Adams and Oliver families, were set down in the early 1920's by her daughter, Mrs. Mary L. Baker Cribbs of Chatham, Louisiana. The account is double-spaced to facilitate interlineations of corrections and additional information.

Malcolm E. Gardner
Tupelo, Mississippi
January 9, 1965

WILLIAM OLIVER'S WILL, LAURENS COUNTY, GEORGIA, 1812

"I, William Oliver of the County of Laurens and State of Georgia, being low in health and weak of Body, but of sound mind and memory ... to my wife, Abigail Oliver, the tract of land whereon I now live called the Mill Tract to her and her heirs forever, also the use of the upper part of the Scarbrough land ..." on Buckeye Creek, a slave Sylvia, horse and mare, and items of household furnishings and farm equipment and supplies; if wife pregnant, \$50 to such child or children. To "my reputed son, William Spell, natural child of my wife, Abigail while she was Abigail Spell" Lot No. 317 on Sugar Creek in Morgan County, Lot No. 200 in Putnam County, the upper half of "the Bracewell tract", the 200 acres "of the Scarbrough land, after the term of use given to his mother ceases", and two slaves Fred and Aaren. "... to my reputed son, John Cuddy Spell, son of my wife Abigail, Oliver White Abigail Spell [sic], one tract of land in Randolph being No. 100, on Shoal Creek; one other tract in the twenty first district of Old Wilkinson drawn and sold by McDaniel Oliver to me, also the balance of the Scarbrough land and ... Bracewell land", and a slave Jack.

"Item, ... if either of my said two reputed children William Spell or John Cuddy Spell should die before he arrives at lawful age, or without heirs of his body, that the survivor of them shall be heir to the other, and if both should so die, ..." then as contingent heirs, to "William Oliver, the son of McDaniel Oliver ... the land in Morgan County", to "George Oliver son of Ruden [sic, a miscopy of Ridsen] Oliver ... the land in Randolph", to "the youngest son of Ruden Oliver that he had at the time I moved from his neighborhood ... the land in Putnam County", and to be "equally divided between John Oliver the son of John Oliver, and William Oliver the son of James Oliver" the Scarbrough and Bracewell tracts (location not specified, but presumably in Laurens County), "... to them and severally their heirs forever, ... the above named sons of my above named brothers. I hereby appoint my brothers, James and McDaniel Oliver, Executors, and my wife Abigail Oliver, Executrix ... this 2nd day of December A D 1812." The witnesses, William Livingston and Charles A. Hill, proved the will in Laurens Court of Ordinary on 4 Jan. and 8 Sept. 1813, respectively. (abstracted from certified typescript, Laurens Co., Ga., Will Book 1, pp. 5-8)

Comment: The above-named brothers James, John, McDaniel, Ridsen, and William Oliver are assumed to be the five Olivers of these given names who are in Screven County in the 1805 Land Lottery (presumably compiled as of 1802); also in that lottery and county was a Thomas Oliver. All six have two draws each, indicating them as family men. Still residents of Screven County and receiving "fortunate draws" in the 1807 Lottery were John Oliver, Sr., McDaniel Oliver, and Ridsen Oliver, Jr., all of Oliver's militia district. William Oliver was a resident of Laurens County when he made his will in 1812 and named his brothers James and McDaniel as executors; so we may assume the latter two as then also living in Laurens. In the 1820 Census for Georgia McDaniel and Ridsen Oliver are in Laurens; a Ridsen Oliver, Jr., is in Screven. As might be expected, Olivers named James, John, and William are fairly common in Georgia at this period. McDaniel Oliver married (1) Priscilla Harrison and (2) Lurena Holmes. By 1826 he was in Twiggs County where he died before 1830.

OLIVER, OF GEORGIA

MAC OLIVER, of Virginia, was twice married, and had eight children, all of whom settled in Georgia. 1, Wiley; 2, James; 3, Joseph; 4, John; 5, Ann; 6, Charlotte; 7, William; 8, Mac (by second wife) and killed in civil war. (Mrs. Oliver m. (II) a Mr. Wheeler, of Clayton, Ala.) Of the above, 1, Wiley Oliver, lived in Barborn county, Alabama.

2. James Oliver, m.-----, Issue: 1 Henry Oliver, Macon, Ga., m.-----, and had Kate, m. Mr. Cooper. Her son, George Cooper, in U.S.N; Nannie, m. Mr. Orr; a son, Oliver Orr. 2. William, 3. Frank, 4, Sarah, 5, Nancy.

7. William Oliver, (b. 10th Dec., 1798; died 1836), lived in Twiggs county, Georgia, and removed, 1835, to Randolph (now Quitman) county, married (I) Dorcas Harrison*, (b. 29th Oct., 1802; d. 18th September, 1830) and (II) 1834, Irene Drake, of Americus, Ga. He has relatives in Bufalua, Ala. Issue:
I. Andrew J. Oliver veteran of Mexican War, living near Glyattville, Ga. Born 1825, married, (1862) Sarah Francis Studstill. Issue: 1. William Thaddeus (b. 1862) of Quitman, Ga. 2. Alice Ida, (b. 1866), m. Alex Keel. 3. Dora Ann (b. 1870), m. James Lowry. 4. Florida S, (b. 1874). 5. Florence E. (b. 1877). Mr. Oliver has 13 grandchildren.
II. Thaddeus Oliver, (b. 25 Dec., 1826), m. Sarah F. Lawson (living in 1899). He is said to be the author of "All Quiet along the Potomac To-night." Issue:

Indent
I. Rev. Hugh F., of Florence, S. C., m. Bessie Smith; Children: Hugh, Thaddeus, Bessie, Edith, Louise, Esther M., and David. He has written articles in the Sunny South and the "Columbia (S. C.) State," proving his father's authorship of the celebrated poem.

Indent
II. Lieut. James H. Oliver, distinguished officer in the United States Navy, m. 1882 Marion, daughter of Robert Carter, of the famous old Virginia family at "Shirley," James River, Virginia, who has recently published an enlarged edition of her father's "Carter Family Tree"—a most valuable aid to the student of Virginia genealogies.

III. Ann Oliver, m. (I), H. H. Rainey, and had Laura, m. Mr. Evans, of Greensboro. She m. (II), Charles Darden.

IV. Charlotte Oliver, m. Christopher McRae. Children live in Telfair county, Georgia.

V. Francis Oliver, d. y.

VI. Dorcas Oliver. Her mother died at her birth, and the children were reared by their Harrison relatives, as their father died soon after his second marriage. Dorcas m. John McLean. Children:

1. William, lives at McRae, Telfair county, Georgia. 2. Thaddeus and others.

VII. William Oliver, solicitor of city court of Albany, Ga., (mother, a Miss Drake), m. Sally Collier, of Albany, Georgia. Children: 1. Willie, m. S. C. Moore. 2. Irene, m. W. T. Cox, and had Oliver, Thomas, Wilmore, and Kathleen. 3. George.

WILEY OLIVER, of Twiggs county, Ga., moved, in 1833, to Barbour county, Ala. Among his children were:

1. William Oliver, b. Twiggs county, Ga., 24th February, 1829; d. at Wesson, Miss., July, 1891; married, first (12th October, 1847), Mary Milner Callaway (d. January 10, 1888), and settled in Eufaula, Ala.; moved to Minden, La., 1853, and ten years after to Trenton, La., and formed partnership with Mr. Drake in merchandising; captain in Thirty-first Louisiana Regiment in C. S. A., in quartermaster's department; engaged in cotton business in 1866, in New Orleans, with John T. Hardie. They bought the Wesson (Miss.) Manufacturing Company in 1870, and he moved to Wesson, and took charge of the mills as secretary and treasurer. The plant was then estimated at \$100,000; Mills burned in 1873, when Col. Ed. Richardson, the Commercial king of Mississippi, bought the stock, and established a new company, with \$344,000 stock and Captain Oliver general manager, and the stock increased, by 1891, to \$2,000,000. His daughter, Mary Ella, married John P. Richardson, son of Colonel Richardson, who, after his father's death, became president of the company.

Rilla E. Oliver (eldest daughter) married Dr. R. W. Rea.

John M. Oliver, the only son, is a merchant of Wesson.

Col. Wm. Oliver married (secondly) a niece of his wife: Melissa D. Callaway. He joined Dr. Palmer's church (Presbyterian), in New Orleans, in 1867.

2. A. B. Oliver, of Cayka, Miss.

3. _____ Oliver. He has a son, Wiley E. Oliver, merchant, Wesson, Miss. (from when these notes are obtained).

McDONALD OLIVER, of Twiggs county, Ga., was twice married. By last wife, who was Larena Wines, had issue:

1. Augustus L. Oliver m. _____. Issue: eight children.
2. Nancy A. Oliver m. George W. Roberts. Nine children, among them: Clarence P. Roberts, of Bufaula, Ala.
3. McDonald Oliver m. Faine Hicks. Issue: 1. McDonald, d. s. p.
2. Isaac Oliver, of Houston, Texas. Mrs. Oliver m. (II) Captain Hart, and her daughter, Lila Hart, m. Washington Toney Flournoy.

In the above list only two of the children of Mac Oliver are accounted for. It was copied for this work by Mrs. Marion (Carter) Oliver, who regrets not receiving a list of the other descendants. She sends the following of Dorcas Harrison's lineage:

Benjamin Harrison, drowned in Oconee river, near Dublin, Georgia, m. Charity Williams (d. 1854) and had James, Dorcas, Charlotte and perhaps others. Of these, Dorcas m. Wm. Oliver above, James Harrison (d. 1870), of Twiggs county, and afterward of Randolph county, Georgia, 1850, m. _____, and had 1, Samuel, m. 2, Martha, m. Theodore Cherry, 3, James, m. Miss Rice, and 4. Colonel William, now of the old homestead, Georgetown, Georgia, and member of Legislature, m. Virginia Crawford, and had Crawford and Mittle Harrison. He alone survives of the name. His brothers, their sons, and his own sons all being dead.

James Edwards Saunders and Elizabeth Saunders Blair Stubbs,
Early Settlers of Alabama with Notes and Genealogies,
 New Orleans, 1899; pp. 413-416.

HISTORY SPEED FAMILY - By L. E. Stubbs

The following special article is taken from a recent issue of The Collins Commercial, published at Collins, Miss. Descendants of the Speed family live near Fairfield, and constitute a portion of our solid, substantial citizenship.

Benjamin Speed, mentioned in the article, was father of B. R. Speed of Ward Prairie. He settled near Stewards Mill in 1874; moved to Smith County, where he died. Mrs. Speed died near Stewards Mill.

Monro Speed, mentioned in the article, was the grandfather of Clarence Speed of Ward Prairie:

Interesting historical incidents and traditions of Covington county were the topics of the day when the Speed family and their relatives and friends gathered at the old homestead and family graveyard last Saturday to honor those of the family who have gone on before the past of one of the oldest families in Mississippi.

Even politics was for the moment pushed aside, and candidates for county and district offices employed the time allotted to them for campaign speeches in telling of the Speed family and the part it has played in building up Covington county and South Mississippi.

Judge W. L. Cranford of Seminary, and Hon. H. M. McIntosh, of Collins, delivered addresses telling the story of the Speed family from its first immigration here to the present time. The Speeds have been prominently identified with Covington county from its beginning, and a history of this great family is little short of a history of Covington county.

The County was organized January 15, 1819, and consisted at that time of what is now Covington and Jeff Davis counties together with a large portion of what is now Jones county.

In 1820 one Benjamin Duckworth, forefather of the Covington county Duckworths of today, left his home in South Carolina and came west in search of a new home. He stopped for a short time in Tennessee and after moved to Covington county, Miss.

After a year's sojourn he returned to his home in South Carolina, and the next year thirty-nine families left that state for Covington county, Miss.

One William Speed, of Koe, in Okone county, South Carolina, was elected foreman of this caravan of movers. William Speed had married a daughter of General Lawrence, of South Carolina, and to this couple were afterward born in Mississippi Monroe, William and Benjamin Speed.

Monroe and William Speed remained in Covington county with their father, the older William Speed, and are the forefathers of the large and highly-respected Speed family in this county today.

Benjamin Speed, known as "Big Ben," followed the strong pioneer impulses, which characterized his father and moved on to Texas. He is the first of the large Speed family living in the Southern part of that state at the present time.

When William Speed left his home in South Carolina he brought with him a beautiful mahogany table at which John C. Calhoun, South Carolina "War Hawk" in the United States senate, dined many times while visiting the elder Speeds. This table, which was constructed without nails or screws, is now in the possession of Mrs. Rachel Speed Cranford, mother of Judge W. L. Cranford, of Seminary.

The Speeds are a big hardy people, fair complexioned, light curly hair, and blue eyes - pure anglo-saxons. When they came to this country Mississippi was little more than a dense swamp inhabited chiefly by wild animals and red savages.

They lived in log houses made with their own hands. They picked the lint cotton from the seed with their fingers, carded it into bats and rolls and wove it into cloth for their clothes. They ate what they made on their newly-opened farms. They devoted much time to raising cattle and sheep; they grew their own wheat, corn, potatoes, oats, rice and, after several years, sugar cane which they ground in wooden mills.

There were no schools or churches in the county. The first schppl teacher in Covington county was brought into the community several years after the Speeds came and was paid the flattering salary of \$10.00 a month.

Covington county was at that time in its infancy and had not become the well-ordered political unit it is today. Its present territorial limits had not even been determined, and the Speeds had much to do with the formation of Covington county we know.

In 1823 the greater part of the county was made into a new county known as Bainbridge county. The court house of this new county was located at what was old Moscos post office some two or three miles east of the Moscos later established the G. B. S. I. railroad when that road came through the county.

This court house was made by driving several posts in the ground and building a brush arbor over them. It was not the platial temple of justice of today, but it had a key, and this rust-eaten relic is one of the most prized possessions of the Speed family today. The first court held in this court house was presided over by Judge McDuff.

After about a year Bainbridge county was abolished, and a part of its territory together with the eastern part of Covington county made into the new county of Jones. This left Covington county consisting of what is now Covington and Jeff Davis counties, and thus it remained until 1905 when the county of Jeff Davis was created out of parts of Covington and Lawrence counties.

The Speeds lived and grew and prospered with Covington county, and when the war between the states came on they fought for Southern independence. The family records furnish us an interesting relic of this period in the form of an old letter written by F. M. Dossett, who had married into the Speed family, to his sister-in-law.

"Camp near Chattanooga, Sept. 28, 1863. "Mrs. Julia Dossett, Dear Sister: By the request of Edmund, I now write to let you know he has been severely wounded. He was in the fight at Chioamauga on Saturday and was wounded late in the day in the thigh in two places and lay all night on the battle field. He was brought in the next morning and the doctor had to cut his leg off above the knee. He is doing well and will soon be well and at home. He will be sent as soon as he is able to make the trip.

"All the rest of our boys who were wounded are at the hospital. My uncle, Hansford Dossett, was badly wounded and I hear since died. I am well as usual and when through the fight unhurt.

"We have run old Rosacrans back to Chattanooga and now we are watching him. Our pickets are fighting every day and night and do not know how it will end. I think another great fight will have to be fought to decide the fate of the west, when, I hope peace will follow.

"Give my best respects to father and all the relations. Accept for yourself the best respects and best wishes for your brother."

* The now badly faded letter was written with a goose quill and is typical of the excellent penmanship practiced before the day of the typewriter. It was folded so as to be sealed with stamp as envelopes were an unheard of luxury when it was dated.

After Appomattox the Speeds with many other war weary veterans returned to their deserted farms and began to arduous task of reconstructing a county and state and providing a living for themselves and their families.

This they have done and done well. They have furnished soldiers for the Spanish-American war and the World War. They have furnished statesman and best of all many true law-loving citizens for their county and state.

This reunion was attended by more than a thousand relatives of the Speed family all thrifty, prosperous people, proud of the achievements of their historic family, and happy to be associated together again at the sacred spot at which it had its beginning more than a hundred years ago.

From the Fairfield Recorder, Sept. 10, 1931, Fairfield, Texas

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THE AARON WELBORN FAMILY
OF JONES COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

No Welborn, by whatever spelling preference of the census taker, is named in the 1820 Census of Mississippi (indexed typescript copy in the Mississippi Department of Archives and History, Jackson, hereinafter referred to as Mississippi Archives). Aaron "Wilburn" was commissioned Justice of the Peace for Bainbridge County, Mississippi, on June 9, 1823 (p. 101, Register, County Officers, 1818-24; bound manuscript in the Mississippi Archives). The short-lived County of Bainbridge was cut off in 1823 from Covington and then, in 1824, abolished by the Legislature.

In 1827 Aaron and William "Wilbourne" appear on the tax rolls of Covington County for polls, but not land. As "Wilburn", both are listed in 1828 and again in 1831, but not in 1829. No Covington tax roll is available for 1830. In Covington in 1833 William and Younger Welborn are assessed only for poll tax. In 1834 they are both in Smith County, just north of Covington. In Jones County, created from Covington and Wayne in 1826, Aaron "Wilbern" is on the tax rolls in 1830 for a poll, and so continues until 1841, with variant spellings of his surname. In 1840 he is assessed for two slaves and \$150 at interest, and in 1841 for 250 head of cattle. Possibly Aaron Welborn was then a drover, buying cattle in the interior and driving them to the seaboard areas for sale. Jones County tax rolls are not available after 1841 (microfilm copies in Mississippi Archives).

The 1830 Census names Aaron "Williborn" as head of a family in Jones County. He is between 30 and 40 years old; in his household are two males under 5, one male between 5 and 10, one female under 5, and another between 20 and 30 (presumably his wife, Lucy Stephenson or Stevenson, actually about 33 years old, but census records are not notable for accuracy). In adjoining

Covington County is named William "Wellborn", 30-40; in his household are enumerated a boy and a girl, both under 5, and his wife, 20-30. In the 1840 Census Aaron Welborn is still in Jones County, but in the 50-60 age category, 10 years too old. Others in the enumeration of his household are two males between 5 and 10, two 10-15, and one 15-20; two females under 5, another 10-15, and one 30-40 (Aaron's wife Lucy, and she should be in the next higher age category, 40-50). In 1840 in Smith County, just to the north of Jones, is William "Willborn"; he and his wife are in the 30-40 group. Others in the household are one male each in 5-10, 10-15, and 15-20, one female 10-15, and another 15-20. A cursory examination of census returns indicates the census takers' charity or indifference in the recording of ages; also, they seem to have had an equally cavalier approach toward spelling and handwriting, often indecipherable.

The 1850 census returns, for the first time, give the name, age, sex, and place of birth for each member of the household. Aaron Welborn of Jones County is 56 years old, in 1850, and a native of South Carolina; his wife Lucy is 53 and born in North Carolina. Others of the family, all born in Mississippi, are Jefferson, 20; Dewit C., 19; John C., 17; Matilda, 15; Virginia, 11; and Cicero, 7 (Mississippi Census of 1850, Jones County, family 117; microfilm copy in Mississippi Archives). Two sons of Aaron and Lucy Welborn, living apart from their parents, are Franklin, age 23, and James L. Welborn, 26, both natives of Mississippi (families 116 and 127). No family documents or traditions name Cicero as a son of Aaron Welborn; possibly he is a nephew or cousin living with the family.

Other Welborns are heads of families in Jones County in 1850: Joel E., 40; William, 50; Younger, 45 (all three born in S.C.); and Elizabeth, 26, a native of Mississippi. In nearby Jasper County is Younger Welborn, 25, and born in Mississippi. Aaron Welborn's relationships as to these other Welborns